

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the application has been amended to conform with U.S. practice, the claims having been amended to delete the multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
Joaquin DEVESA COMPANY



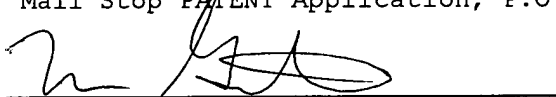
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